

TPO RESOLUTION #05-2020**RESOLUTION URGING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE IN THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE NORTH CORRIDOR OF THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) PLAN INDICATING THAT THE COUNTY WILL CONSIDER ALL MODES OF TRANSPORTATION WITH SIMILAR BENEFITS AS SPECIFIED BY THE LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR THE NORTH CORRIDOR**

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement creating and establishing the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Miami Urbanized Area requires that the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), in its role as the MPO, provide a structure to evaluate the adequacy of the transportation planning and programming process; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the TPO Governing Board adopted Resolution #06-16, which established transit as the “highest priority” in Miami-Dade County. Subsequently, the Governing Board unanimously adopted Resolution #26-16, which approved the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan in order to implement mass transit projects throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the SMART Plan includes six (6) rapid transit corridors along with a network of Bus Express Rapid Transit (BERT) services; and

WHEREAS, the North Corridor is one of the six (6) SMART Plan rapid corridors, which limits are from NW 79th Street to NW 215th Street, along NW 27th Avenue; and

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2019, the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) directed the County Mayor or the County Mayor’s designee to prepare a Requests for Proposals (RFP) for the design, construction, operation and maintenance, and financing for the TPO approved locally preferred alternative for the North Corridor as described in the SMART Plan; and

WHEREAS, on October 31, 2019, the TPO Governing Board adopted Resolution #55-19 selecting Elevated Heavy Rail as the preferred transit technology for the North Corridor of the SMART Plan; and

WHEREAS, at the same meeting the Governing Board directed the TPO Executive Director to coordinate with the Florida Department of Transportation and Miami-Dade County staff to further refine the analysis for the various technological modes for the North Corridor to include localized financial, operations and maintenance data and to report the revised analysis to the TPO Governing Board at its March 2020 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the proposed RFP solicitation would provide much of the market driven data that the Governing Board requested for the technological analysis of the North Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board wishes to explore all technological options available for the North Corridor,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION IN ITS ROLE AS THE MPO FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA, that this Board hereby urges Miami-Dade County to include language in the Request for Proposals for the North Corridor of the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan indicating that the County will consider all modes of transportation with similar benefits as specified in the locally preferred alternative for the North Corridor.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was sponsored and moved by Board Member Barbara J. Jordan. The motion was seconded by Board Member Xavier L. Suarez, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert III -Aye
Vice Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. -Aye

Board Member Juan Carlos Bermudez	-Aye	Board Member Steven D. Losner	-Aye
Board Member Philippe Bien-Aime	-Absent	Board Member Roberto Martell	-Aye
Board Member Daniella Levine Cava	-Aye	Board Member Joe A. Martinez	-Absent
Board Member Jose "Pepe" Diaz	-Absent	Board Member Jean Monestime	-Absent
Board Member Audrey M. Edmonson	-Absent	Board Member Dennis C. Moss	-Absent
Board Member Perla T. Hantman	-Aye	Board Member Rebeca Sosa	-Absent
Board Member Carlos Hernandez	-Absent	Board Member Javier D. Souto	-Aye
Board Member Sally A. Heyman	-Absent	Board Member Micky Steinberg	-Aye
Board Member Eileen Higgins	-Aye	Board Member Francis Suarez	-Absent
Board Member Barbara J. Jordan	-Aye	Board Member Xavier L. Suarez	-Aye
Board Member Vince Lago	-Absent		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 20th day of February, 2020.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

By Zainab Salim
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